matter of fact, any memorial submitted to His Highness is sent to the Diwan. That is the practice.

Petitions addressed to Heads of Departments are petitions addressed to the Government.

There is this difficulty. You send a petition to the Head of a Department, and you ask the Government whether such a petition has been received by the Government. Then we want to know to which Head of the Department the petition has been sent. If we can understand from your question that it pertains to a particular department, we can give an answer.

Suppose you submitted a petition to the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats. The petition has been presented to the Government. Of course, we can supply the answer, if you give us particulars that you have addressed it to such and such a Departmental Head. We will refer to the Head of the Department whether he has received any petition from you. That is the way in which it is dealt with.

The wedding present to the Political Agent.

215. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state —

(a) whether the State has contributed anything towards the wedding presents of the Hon'ble the Political Agent (Mr. C. W. E. Cotton) to the Governor-General, Madras States ;

(b) if so, the amount that has been so spent ;

(c) whether the the Government have communicated the matter (before utilising such amount) to the Political Agent, and, if so, the reply, if any, the Government have received there?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). In view of the answer to (a), no answers are called for.

216. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— ill the Government be pleased to state —

(a) whether they have obtained the sanction of the Paramount Power for making such a present ;

(b) the rules governing such presents to officers of British Indian Service ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The question does not arise in view of the answer to question 215 (a).

(b) No attempt was made to know the rules.

217. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the amount spent from State funds to give a wedding present to Mr. C. W. E. Cotton has been made good to the State ?

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